

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-against-

VALENTINO LOPEZ,

Defendant.

No. 18 CR 736-02 (NSR)

ORDER

NELSON S. ROMÁN, United States District Judge:

Based upon a review of the docket, which reveals that the instant criminal action was commenced approximately two years ago, the defendant is charged with a felony, that a trial is currently scheduled for October 2020, and the defendant wishes to plea pursuant to a negotiated plea agreement, it is the Court's determination that in order to prevent serious harm to the interest of justice the Defendant Valentino Lopez can and should be permitted to plead guilty and that the plea hearing be conducted by video teleconference or by telephone conference pursuant to the CARES Act § 15002(b)(2)(A) .

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the change of plea hearing for Defendant Valentino Lopez be conducted by video teleconference or by telephone conference (if video conference is unavailable) before this Court or a Magistrate Judge at a date and time mutually convenient to the Court and all parties concerned. The Clerk of the Court is requested to terminate the motion (doc. 133).

Dated: July 31, 2020
White Plains, New York

SO ORDERED:



NELSON S. ROMÁN
United States District Judge

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